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PATENT  
Docket No.: C13929/122995

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Catia BASTIOLI *et al.* )  
Serial No.: 09/786,189 ) Examiner Umakant K. Rajguru  
Filed: June 6, 2001 ) Art Unit 1711  
For: BIODEGRADABLE COMPOSITIONS )  
COMPRISING STARCH AND )  
POLYSACCHARIDE ESTERS )

September 20, 2002

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**  
**INCLUDING AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 20, 2002, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for response. A three-month extension of time to respond is hereby requested. With this extension, this response is considered timely if mailed on or before September 20, 2002. A check for \$920.00 is enclosed to cover the fee for the requested extension of time. It is not believed that this response incurs any other fees, however if any fees are due please charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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